

Houghton Department

\$20,000,000 CUT IN HOUGHTON CO. VALUATION

State Board of Equalization Just Completes Its Work

As fixed by the state board of equalization, which completed its work at Lansing Tuesday afternoon, the valuation of all real and personal property in Michigan is \$2,800,000,000, an increase of \$12,000,000 over the figures as set by the state equalizers at their last meeting in 1911.

Houghton county is reduced \$2,639,000 over the tax commission figures of this year and is reduced \$20,000,000 as compared to the figures of the state equalizers in 1911. Practically all of the counties in the mining district were reduced.

Houghton county's present equalized valuation is now \$80,000,000 as compared with \$100,000,000 set by the state board of equalization in 1911.

A comparative statement of the equalized valuation of Houghton county, and percentage of the state tax paid by the county, for the last twenty-three years, or since 1891, is of interest at this time. It is as follows:

	Equalized valuation	Pct. of valuation tax paid
For 1891	\$4,000,000	3.539
" 1896	42,500,000	3.845
" 1901	140,000,000	8.875
" 1906	140,000,000	8.073
" 1911	100,000,000	4.370
" 1914	80,000,000	2.857

Keweenaw's reduction over the state tax commission's figures is \$1,809,000, making its present equalized valuation \$17,400,000. The Keweenaw supervisors' equalized total was \$19,000,000.

A comparative statement for Keweenaw county for the past twenty-three years is as follows:

	Equalized valuation	Pct. of valuation tax paid
For 1891	\$3,000,000	2.65
" 1896	1,500,000	1.35
" 1901	4,000,000	2.53
" 1906	7,500,000	4.93
" 1911	10,000,000	4.37

Ontonagon county's equalized valuation has been raised over the 1911 figures to \$10,000,000, the 1911 total being \$10,000,000. The present total, however, is a reduction of \$2,465,000 from the figures fixed by the state tax commission. The Ontonagon comparative statement is as follows:

	Equalized valuation	Pct. of valuation tax paid
For 1891	\$3,000,000	1.75
" 1896	750,000	.967
" 1901	8,000,000	5.06
" 1906	5,000,000	2.88
" 1911	10,000,000	4.37

When the state tax commission submitted their figures to the state board of equalization this year the commissioners placed the assessed valuation of all real and personal property at \$3,324,500,825. However, the state board of equalization voted today to reduce the figures to \$2,800,000,000, thereby cutting off \$524,500,825 from the statistics as established by the tax commission. These figures will stand until the next meeting of the state board of equalization in 1917.

Wayne county was appraised at \$928,152,433 by the tax commission this year, but the state equalizers cut the total to \$707,000,000, a reduction of \$221,152,433. In 1911 the state board of equalization placed Wayne at \$600,000,000, so that the biggest county in the state was tilted \$207,000,000 in three years.

Ingham county was placed at \$63,421,033 by the state tax commission, and was reduced to \$55,600,000 by the state board of equalization. In 1911 Ingham was placed at \$42,200,000 by the state board.

Kent county was reduced \$27,331,142

"Gets-It" for Corns

Sure as Sunrise

New Plan. Corns Shriveled, Vanish. Until "GETS-IT" was born nobody was ever sure of getting rid of a corn. Corn treatments nearly all contained the same ingredients, only some were liquid, some plasters, some "wrappers"



and some in salve form. Now comes "GETS-IT" with a newly discovered formula—the corn cure on a new principle and a simple plan that never fails. This is why "GETS-IT" has grown in three years to be the biggest-selling corn cure, the world has ever known. There's no more need of fussing with corns, no more digging or cutting. There's nothing to press down on the corn, nothing to inflame the flesh, to "pull" the corn or cause pain. Put two drops of "GETS-IT" on in two seconds. That's all. For any corn, callus, wart or bunion.

"GETS-IT" is sold by druggists everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent direct by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago.

SHOWS BOOKED FOR COUNTY FAIR

Secretary Haas Announces Engagement of Free Attractions

Secretary L. N. Haas of the Copper Country Fair association this morning announced a spectacular free attraction has been secured for the coming fair. The team is known as "The Barkers," one of the most celebrated in this country. It was secured at large expense and only by considerable effort on the part of the secretary.

The act consist of trick and fancy dives from a tower 30 feet in height. Among the features will be a dive in flame, the performer, enveloped in flame, dives into a flaming tank. This is known as the famous "fire dive."

Arrangements also have been made for the erection of a slide on the banks of Portage Lake and the divers will slide down this incline on roller skates, performing fancy dives from the take off and later giving exhibitions of fancy swimming.

Scoutcraft Exhibition.

Secretary Haas announces another new feature for the fair. For Children's day, the Lake Linden troop of Boy Scouts has been secured to give exhibitions in scoutcraft and other work familiar to this organization.

John Hebert, scoutmaster of the Lake Linden troop will bring 35 members, fully uniformed, and upon their arrival the boys will parade through the streets. On a large platform in the Amphidrome the scouts will give their exhibition. First aid work, cooking and the erecting of tents will constitute a part of the exhibit.

Exhibits Are Arriving.

Secretary Haas has received many requests for information as to where exhibits for the fair will be received. He announces the following list of stations:

Even, August Wallen; Kenton, Kenton Store company; Covington, Oakley's store; Rockland, Stannard & Mueller's store; Calumet, H. E. Lehn & Son's store; Eagle River, Anton S. Smith; Lake Linden, E. F. Prince; Baraga, Baraga Store company; Assiniboine, Simon Denomie; L'Anse, J. B. Smith; Alton, Kettinen & Caynuss; Nisula, August Nisula; Keweenaw Bay, Henry Gomache; Skanee, L'Anse Skanee store.

Station agents on the South Shore or Copper Range railroads will receive exhibits and freight charges on said exhibits are free. Shipment must be at the fair grounds on or before Monday, September 29.

Secretary Haas has made arrangements with the South Shore railroad to place advertising at all stations from the Soo to Duluth and from St. Ignace to Soo Junction.

IS INVITED TO RETURN.

Dr. J. R. Rankin Likely to be Re-Assigned to Grace Church.

At a meeting of the congregation of Grace church, Rev. Dr. J. R. Rankin, pastor of the church, was given a formal invitation to accept the pastorate for another year. The congregation also voted a resolution to the Detroit conference, asking that body to appoint Dr. Rankin in accordance with the invitation. Dr. Rankin has been pastor of Grace church for two years and in that time has endeared himself to Houghton people generally and to the members of his congregation particularly. It is his desire to accept the invitation of the congregation if the conference will permit him to do so.

MANY TEACHERS TO ATTEND.

Gathering of Educational Association Will Attract Hundreds.

Teachers in the Marquette public schools are showing much interest in the coming meeting of the Upper Peninsula Educational association, which will be in session in Houghton, Oct. 8 and 9, 1914, says the Mining Journal. The executive committee has prepared a program conforming with the report of the research committee.

The discussion of the report will be given a prominent place, and the speakers have been chosen with particular reference to its subject matter. The speakers will include Governor W. N. Ferris, Professor W. C. Bagley, University of Illinois, Rev. James Shera Montgomery, Washington, D. C., Hon. Fred L. Keeler, superintendent of public instruction, and Booker T. Washington, principal of Tuskegee institute.

The association has obtained some of the most able speakers in the educational field, and it is expected that the teachers' meeting will be the largest in the history of the association.

\$220,000 FOR U. P. WATERWAYS.

Nearly Quarter of Million Is Asked for Lake Superior Ports.

Included in the appropriations contained in the pending Rivers and Harbors bill are three items that concern this district and approximately \$220,000 is asked for these improvements. One of the items is \$10,000 for Ontonagon harbor, a second is \$138,000 for the Princess Point cut-off and the third is \$75,000 for the Keweenaw Point refuge harbor.

LAUNCH CREDIT BUREAU OCT. 1

Businessmen of District Will Support New Organization

On October 1, the hopes of Commercial club members and interested businessmen for the establishment of a credit bureau will be realized. In response to inquiries sent out by Secretary George L. Price of the Commercial club to ascertain how general the demand for a credit bureau was throughout the district more than 150 replies have been received, all pledging their assistance and support.

The Copper Country Credit Bureau is to be started right. In the preliminary organization the club will have the assistance of Samuel J. Nester, manager of the Merchant's Credit & Adjustment company of Toledo, O., one of the most successful credit bureaus in the United States. The Toledo system will be adopted throughout.

The cost of the bureau's service will be low. The burden will be equally distributed among so many members that each individual's share will be slight. For the first few months it will be necessary for a tentative charge to be made, but later all charges will be based upon the amount of service used. The ultimate charge, in all probability, will be \$10 per year.

Protection Guaranteed All. Under the plan proposed the small merchant will have the same protection as his larger competitor. The bureau's ratings will cover every purchase on credit in this district, regardless of where purchaser resides. The bureau will render it less difficult for the newcomer who has been meeting his obligations honestly in his old home to get credit; it will make it impossible for the professional "dead beat" to abuse the credit given him.

The bureau will not only protect the merchant against dishonest dealings but it will act as a good Samaritan to the honest debtor, who, through ill fortune or mismanagement has become so heavily involved that he cannot see his way out. In such cases the credit bureau will act as receiver for the debtor and will stand by him until his bills are paid and he has obtained a fresh start.

The collection department of the new organization will be in a position to render prompt and efficient service. When the delinquent debtor is given to understand that his account is in the hands of an individual, nor any small association of individuals for collection, but that payments is demanded by an organization representing all of the important interests of the copper country, payment will be forthcoming.

Combat Mail Order Evil.

Through the press, through persuasion, through every practical means available, the new bureau binds itself to combat the mail order evil.

The bureau will have from the beginning the advice of an experienced traffic man whose services will be placed at the disposal of members who have rate claims, demurrage, or other transportation difficulties demanding attention.

Patronize Home Industries.

The bureau will use its best efforts to secure the patronage of its members for local industries which are producing goods offered to the retail trade. The bureau will seek to encourage the distribution of "Made in Copperdom" goods through local wholesale and jobbing houses.

It will also strive by every legitimate means to abate the peddler nuisance and to secure the enactment and enforcement of stringent "itinerant vendor" laws.

The bureau will also commence a relentless campaign against the many fake advertising and "charity" schemes which are brought to the notice of every businessman every day. Members will pledge themselves to contribute to no charity and patronize no advertising proposition which has not received the approval of the investigating committee.

E. J. DUBE IS RE-ELECTED.

Again Heads St. Jean de Baptiste Society of Two Towns.

A meeting of the St. Jean de Baptiste society of Houghton and Hancock held recently resulted in last year's officers being re-elected. They follow:

Ernest J. Dube, president; Fred Myrand, first vice president; Eugene Lemire, second vice president; Charles E. Rouleau, secretary; Philip J. Verille, treasurer; Napoleon Roy, corresponding secretary; Emile Brunet, assistant secretary; Archille Fournier, sergeant at arms; Damase Bourgeois, sentry.

Directors—Archille Verille, Amedeo Corneller, Edward Ruelle, Charles Blais, Napoleon Toutant, Neasing Ravine and Godfrey Labrecque. Funeral directors—Pierre Coultombe of Houghton and Joseph Lafortune of Hancock.

Membership committee—Pierre Ruelle, Archie Fontaine and Joseph Rivet. Sick committee—Emery Toutant, Hancock; Adelard Landry, Quincy; Joseph M. Coultombe, Houghton; Odillon Odette, Chassell; Pierre Faucher, Painesdale; A. Belle-Fleur, Dollar Bay; William Morissette, Osceola; Albert Trombley, Beacon Hill; Arthur Turcotte, Baitie and Joseph Allard, Ripley.

NATURALIZATION PETITIONS.

The following aliens applied for full citizenship papers at County Clerk's office yesterday:

Frank Zawda, Russia, Calumet, New York, 1892. Valentine Czarniecki, Russia, Calumet, New York, 1905. Martin Sterbenz, Austria, Calumet, New York, 1905.

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"EAT BEANS" IS M. A. C. ADVICE

Campaign Is On to Popularize the Michigan Product

"Eat beans"—this is the advice which the Michigan Agricultural college, co-operating with the federal office of markets, will scatter throughout the state during the coming fall and winter as a part of a campaign to make more general use of beans as a human food. If the plans of those backing the movement carry as is expected, the soundness of the advice will ultimately be pushed home by the free distribution of cook books, advertising and cooking demonstrations.

Praising of the food qualities of the humble bean, however, will be but one phase of the campaign, the original idea for which were furnished by the office of markets of the United States department of agriculture. Its main object will be the organization of bean growers into a state association. Once this is done, it is proposed to advertise the Michigan beans up and down the length and breadth of the nation, just as has been done with Michigan fruits.

Other objects of the association will be distribution of advice in the matter of seed selection, assistance for the college and federal experts in their efforts to check bean diseases, financing the growers so as to avoid their need for dumping their beans on the market faster than the demand will warrant, and securing and disseminating among the growers, information as to the bean crop and market conditions.

Michigan has been chosen for this movement because it is the principal bean producing state in the union.

Houghton BREVITIES.

Mrs. P. A. Herne and son, Morrow, of Oshkosh, are visiting Mrs. Herne's daughter, Mrs. W. F. Corbett. Mrs. Herne leaves in a few days for Seattle on an extended visit.

Passengers disembarking from the steamer Octorara at Houghton yesterday afternoon were: Mr. and Mrs. G. Ziegler of Calumet and John Meriton of Calumet, returning from the east, and Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Cook returning from the Soo. Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Van Evers and Mr. and Mrs. Ted Charlton of Virginia, Minn., who have been at Marquette spent a couple of hours with Houghton friends, en route home in the Octorara from Marquette.

The members of the McKinley Temple of Honor and Temperance of Tri-mountain will observe the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of their lodge on Saturday evening September 19, with a banquet and a concert at Painesdale. The banquet will be served in the basement of the Painesdale Methodist Episcopal church by members of the Ladies' Aid society. Following the banquet there will be a concert in the library hall.

John Sterk of Calumet, a native of Austria who came to the United States through the entrance port of New York in 1896, this morning applied for full citizenship papers at County Clerk Katserski's office.

U. S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE

Weather Bureau.

Charles F. Marvin, Chief.

DAILY WEATHER BULLETIN.

Houghton, Michigan, Thursday, September 3, 1914.

Masonic Temple—Telephone No. 461.

All observations taken at 8 a. m. (75th meridian time).

Station.	Temp.	Wind.	State of Weather.
Alpena	54-12	sw 16	00 Pt. Cl'dy
Buffalo	60-30	sw 22	00 Clear
Chicago	58-0	sw 16	00 Clear
Duluth	46-2	sw 22	04 Cloudy
Escanaba	48-6	sw 10	00 Clear
Green Bay	52-0	sw 14	00 Pt. Cl'dy
Houghton	50-4	w 16	00 Cloudy
Marquette	48-4	w 14	04 Clear
Milwaukee	58-4	w 12	00 Clear
New York	76-2	n 4	00 Pt. Cl'dy
New Orleans	74-2	n 12	00 Clear
Port Arthur	46-4	w 14	08 Cloudy
Soo	50-4	sw 10	04 Pt. Cl'dy
St. Paul	50-0	n 18	02 Clear
San Fran.	54-2	w 4	00 Pt. Cl'dy
Washington	74-0	n 4	00 Cloudy
Winnipeg	44-4	n 18	12 Clear

Weather Forecast.

(Till 7 P. M. Friday)

Copper Country: Generally fair to night and Friday. Possibly frost tonight.

Weather Conditions.

The low pressure area that extended from the Lake Region to northern Alberta yesterday has collected into a storm of considerable energy over the northern Lake Region, with lowest reported barometer at Port Arthur. As a result rain has continued at many points in the Lake Region and the eastern Rocky Mountain Slope. Heavy frost is reported in North Dakota. Fair weather in general.

TO GIVE INITIAL ADDRESS FRIDAY

Rabbi Kopelwitz Will Deliver His Inaugural Sermon

Rabbi Kopelwitz of the First Congregation of Israel has announced that he will deliver his inaugural address at Temple Jacob tomorrow evening. The subject of the address will be "I Love Those That Love Me, and Those That Seek Me Shall Find Me."

The Jewry of the copper country will convene in Calumet next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Odd Fellows' hall for the purpose of organizing a Sunday school in Calumet and vicinity. Rabbi Kopelwitz will have charge of this meeting and will deliver an address.

Rabbi Kopelwitz and his family have located permanently in Hancock, taking up their residence in the Mason flats on Quincy street. He recently returned from Iron country towns where he led meetings of the Jewry of that district. As the Temple of Jacob of Hancock is the only Jewish synagogue in the upper peninsula it is probable that he will be called to other districts frequently.

The First Congregation of Israel was organized by the Jewish residents of Hancock and vicinity towns some time ago and is one of the enterprising religious organizations of the copper country.

ROUTINE MATTERS OCCUPY ATTENTION OF COUNCIL

BOARD CANCELS ORDER FOR ROCK CRUSHER—OTHER BUSINESS IS TRANSACTED.

Last night's meeting of the Hancock city council was characterized by brevity and a volume of business was transacted in record time. Matters of importance were disposed of with dispatch and practically no subject was deferred until future meetings.

Owing to the stringency of the money market, the council cancelled its order for a rock crusher with the T. K. Smith company of Milwaukee. Resolutions of respect to the memory of the late August Mette were adopted, reports of various committees were filed, and the street committee was authorized to notify the Quincy Mining company that a cement sidewalk must be built upon its property on Quincy street, east of the Kennedy theater. Attention was called to the needs of two cross walks on Water street and the fire chief and city electrician were authorized to install fire alarm boxes on Franklin and Teacoco street and on Oak street.

The primary election bills were allowed, the lighting committee authorized to install another light between Sullivan's curve and Ethel avenue and complaint was filed that the light on Water and Mill street had been out of commission for two weeks. The advisability of extending the time for collection of taxes before the four per cent penalty would apply was suggested but no action taken.

City Engineer Mason was instructed to devote his time in the future to the completion of the water map that it might be completed before winter. There was some discussion as to whether the city should stand any part of the cost of grading the north side of Quincy street east of the theater, for the new cement walk, but no action was taken, the council feeling the matter could be adjusted satisfactorily with the Quincy Mining Co. when the walk is built.

The city clerk was authorized to bring in a report at the next meeting of the cost per square yard of paving Elevation street. The council is desirous of learning whether it is cheaper to have work of this nature done by the city or let to contractors.

CRICKET MEETING SEPT. 12.

Secretary Held of the Copper Country Cricket league has called a meeting of representatives of the different teams to assemble in Hancock the evening of September 12. The meeting will be held in the city hall.

Matters of considerable importance to the league will be disposed of. It is not unlikely that several disputes concerning unsatisfactory endings of games will be discussed. The decisions of the league officials on these games will have an important bearing on the winning of the pennant.

at from the Mississippi Valley west to the Coast. A secondary storm center is apparently located over Alberta, warmer weather prevails over the northern Rocky Mountains. Clearing weather is indicated for this vicinity tonight or early Friday morning. Frost is probable in low places away from the water, if the wind decreases during the night.

H. B. COWDRICK, Official in Charge.

FIRE PREVENTION RULES.

Reminders That Should Be Placed Where They Will Be Seen.

The Michigan department of insurance has issued the following fire prevention rules:

Put greasy rags in metal receptacles. Never use gasoline for cleaning indoors.

Have metal wastebaskets only in the home.

Do not leave oil cans in the kitchen, especially near the stove.

Have simple, cheap screens in front of every open fireplace.

Keep the ashes in a metal receptacle, away from any wood.

Use only safety matches and keep these away from the children.

Constantly clean the rubbish, particularly in the yards, cellars and closets.

Avoid the prehistoric mistake of using coal oil to help a dying fire.

Make sure that all doors that would cause drafts are closed before retiring.

Pay particular attention to the stove pipe, and see that it is set firm and tight.

Keep curtains and draperies tied back, to prevent them swinging against the gas jets.

Remove all cotton and metallic ornaments from the gas or electric light chandeliers.

Don't take a kerosene lamp into the cellar, attic or any other place where there is rubbish.

Have the chimney burned out and cleaned at least once a year and before the fall season sets in.

Smokers who carelessly leave matches lying around, are a menace to the home.

All sorts of rubbish, as commonly kept in an attic, is just as commonly the cause of a burned home.

Don't keep old clothes in trunks and closets. Better throw them away than have a fire start in them.

When you use a match, be careful where you put it. Careless disposal of burning or smouldering matches has caused many great disasters.

ATTENDANCE IS LARGER.

Good Showing Made by the Public and Parochial Schools.

The attendance in the Hancock public and parochial schools is 2,156.

While the total attendance is an increase over the opening week a year ago, there is a slight falling off in St. Joseph's parochial school because the kindergarten department has been closed for the present at least.

Superintendent Lee explained yesterday that many children attending the kindergarten department of the Wright school are being shifted to the Ryan school because of the congestion in the former. The addition of four rooms to the Ryan school makes it possible to handle a larger number of children in this building. The shift is only temporary.

The attendance figures for the different buildings follow:

High school	245
E. L. Wright	525
Edward Ryan	329
Central primary	314
St. Patrick's	408
St. Joseph's	340

Total

Sister Canalis has arrived at St. Joseph's parochial school from Troy, N. Y., and will teach the sixth and seventh grades. She replaces Sister Henry who has been transferred to Indianapolis. Sister Arsenia, supervisor of music, is succeeded by Sister Gregory who comes from St. Joseph's academy at Chillicothe, Mo.

NUMMIUVORI RESIGNS.

Quits as Manager of Tyomies, Which May Change Location.

John Nummiuvori has resigned as business manager of the Tyomies publishing company, publishers of Tyomies, a Finnish socialist paper on Teacoco and Franklin streets. The reasons given for the resignation is poor health and that Mr. Nummiuvori will locate on a farm in Canada.

The possibilities of